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November 5, 2004

Mr. Gene K. Fong  
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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

In the approval letter for the 2004 California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) dated October 4, 2004, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requested the California Department of Transportation (Department) to provide the financial plan information for the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), 2004 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) and Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program by April 1, 2005.

Attached find the financial plan information for the STIP program that includes comparison between STIP funding programmed in each Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and adopted STIP by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on August 5, 2004. The Department, in its letter dated November 1, 2004 to MPO Executive Directors, has directed MPOs to update STIP programming in their FTIPs based on CTC adopted STIP through the FTIP formal amendment process, if required. The Department has also instructed MPOs, whose FTIPs reflect accurate STIP programming within the triennial period of FSTIP but not by the year compared with the adopted STIP, to align programming in their FTIPs with the adopted STIP through an administrative amendment process.

I request FHWA to approve the enclosed financial plan and allow the Department to process any amendments that include STIP projects for the regions that have already adopted FTIPs consistent with CTC adopted STIP, as agreed in our meeting on

October 27, 2004. In addition, I request FHWA to allow the Department to process any FTIP amendments including STIP projects for the rest of the MPO's once they align their programs with the CTC adopted STIP using the required amendment mentioned above.

Please contact me at (916) 654-2983 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

RACHEL FALSETTI, Chief  
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Attachment



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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500 (MS-82)  
For Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: 2005-2007 FSTIP, STIP Financial Plan Documentation

We received your letter dated November 8, 2004, and have completed our review of the financial plan information provided for the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects listed in California's 2005-2007 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). The information provided with your letter indicates that sufficient state and federal revenues are available to permit the demonstration of financial constraint for those projects that were approved on August 5, 2004, by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for inclusion in the first three program years of the 2004 STIP.

Based on our review of the financial plan and STIP programming information provided by the California Department of Transportation (Department), including the comparison of the STIP programming adopted by the CTC with the STIP projects and revenues listed in the 2005-2007 FSTIP and metropolitan transportation improvement programs, we are removing the conditions and limitations described in our October 4, 2004, letter related to the inclusion and amendment of STIP projects in California's FSTIP, for the following transportation planning regions:

Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG)  
Kings County Association of Governments (Kings)  
Madera County Transportation Commission (Madera)  
Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)  
Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)  
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG)  
San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)  
San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG)  
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG)  
Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO)  
All Non-MPO planning regions (Non-MPO)



Specifically, we are lifting the 6-month conditional approval for the inclusion of STIP projects in the FSTIP in the regions listed above, and removing the restriction on FSTIP amendments that add, delete or modify STIP projects in these regions.

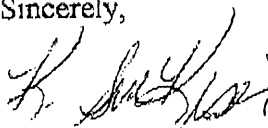
Based on the financial plan information provided by the Department, the remaining seven metropolitan planning organization (MPO) regions in California must modify the STIP programming in their federal transportation improvement program (FTIP) to align their FTIP programming with the CTC's adopted 2004 STIP, and to allow the Department to demonstrate financial constraint of the FSTIP. We concur in the action taken by the Department on November 1, 2004, directing the remaining MPOs to update STIP programming in their FTIPs based on the STIP listings adopted by the CTC. Once the remaining MPO's have aligned their FTIP with the CTC adopted STIP, and the Department submits those FTIP modifications to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for inclusion in the FSTIP, we propose to lift the 6-month conditional approval for STIP projects listed in the FSTIP for the remaining MPO regions and to remove the limitations on FSTIP amendments that involve STIP projects or revenues.

The 6-month conditional approval for the inclusion of Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program projects in the FSTIP and the limitation on FSTIP amendments involving HBRR program funding, that were established by our October 4, 2004, letter, remain in place throughout the State.

In accordance with the July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX, the FHWA's single signature constitutes the FHWA and the FTA's joint acceptance of the financial plan information for the STIP projects listed in the FSTIP.

We appreciate the Department's Office of Federal Transportation Management Program staff efforts to address the FSTIP financial plan documentation issues raised by the FHWA and the FTA. If you have questions or need additional information concerning our acceptance of the STIP financial plan documentation, please contact Wade Hobbs with the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at [wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,



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